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SUBJECT: MBFR:SPC WORK ON INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN COMMON  
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1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, SPC ON NOVEMBER 6 CONSIDERED HOW TO PROCEED ON THE NEXT U.S. AIR MANPOWER PROPOSAL, INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING WITHOUT REQUIRED REDUCTIONS. FRG REP (LOYNCK) AT THAT TIME STRONGLY RESERVED ON SPC WORK ON POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THIS PROPOSAL, AND ON DRAFT GUIDANCE TO AHG, UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE MILITARY-TECHNICAL ANALYSIS NOW UNDER WAY IN MBFR WORKING GROUP (PARA 11, REFTEL).

2. AT NOVEMBER 14 SPC MEETING, AFTER SPC AD REFERENDUM APPROVAL OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE ON AIR MANPOWER NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT, U.S. REP (MOORE) PROPOSED THAT THE SPC BEGIN WORK ON INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN THE COMMON CEILING WITHOUT REQUIRED REDUCTIONS, PARALLEL TO MBFR WORKING GROUP STUDY OF THE MILITARY-TECHNICAL  
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ASPECTS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE WORKING GROUP REPORT IS NOW FURTHER ALONG, AND MEMBER COUNTRIES ARE NOW AWARE OF THE PRINCIPAL MILITARY-TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS. IT WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR SPC TO DELAY WORK ON THE DRAFT GUIDANCE UNTIL FINAL APPROVAL OF WORKING

GROUP REPORT.

3. TURKISH REP (GUR) SAID HE DID NOT LIKE THAT SORT OF PARALLEL WORK. HE WONDERED HOW SERIOUSLY THE SPC HAD STUDIED THE WG REPORT ON A NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT ON AIR FORCE MANPOWER, SINCE THE WG ONLY APPROVED THE LATTER REPORT ON NOVEMBER 12, AND THE SPC HAD APPROVED DRAFT GUIDANCE TO THE AHG ONLY TWO DAYS LATER. MILITARY COMMITTEE REP (GROUP CAPTIAN SMITH) POINTED OUT THAT SEVERAL SPC REPS HAD PERIODICALLY QUESTIONED HIM ABOUT DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORKING GROUP REPORT ON NON-INCREASE COMMITMENT, AND WERE AWARE OF THE MILITARY-TECHNICAL IMPLICATIONS.

4. ACTING CHAIRMAN(KILLHAM) SAID INCLUSION OF AIR MANPOWER IN COMMON CEILING WITHOUT REQUIRED REDUCTIONS WOULD BE ON AGENDA AT THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 SPC MEETING TO SEE WHAT PROGRESS THE SPC IS ABLE TO MAKE ON IT WHILE STUDY IS UNDER WAY.  
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